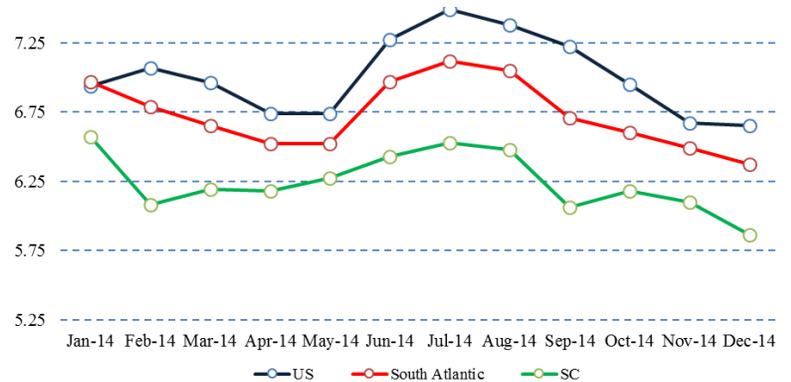




## Low utility Cost: Better Bottom Line

South Carolina provides the Southeast region's most affordable power cost. In 2014, the average monthly industrial power cost was 6.25 cents per kilowatt hour, lower than the national average and that of the Southeast region. *Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration*

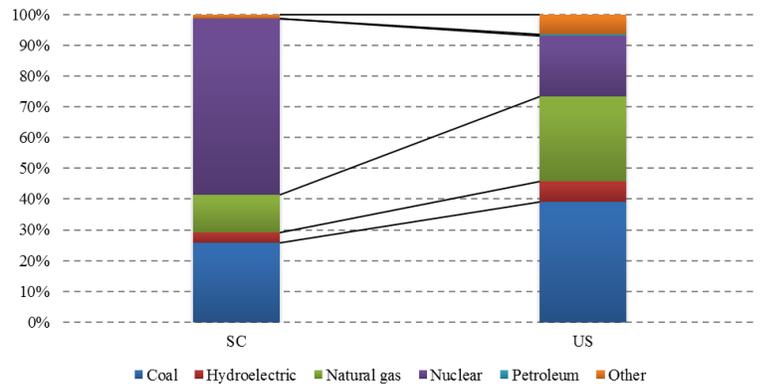
Average Monthly Price (Cents/KWH), Industrial Power



## Nuclear Power: Prepared for the Future

South Carolina's low energy costs can be attributed to its past investments in nuclear power. South Carolina's four existing nuclear power plants supplied 54% of the state's net electricity generation in 2013. Two new reactors are under construction at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station site in Fairfield County. *Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration*

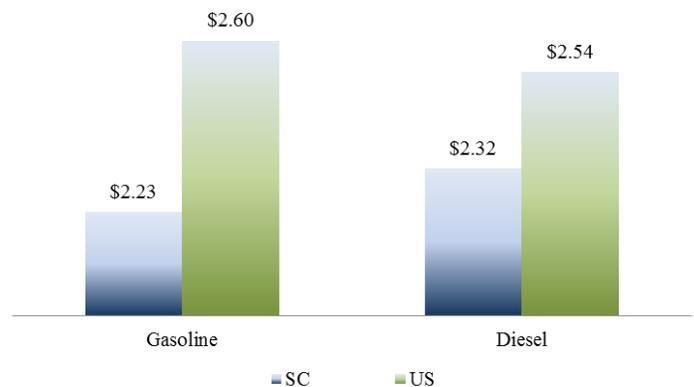
Power Production by Source, 2013



## Gasoline Prices: Consistently Among Lowest

Due in part to its low fuel taxes, South Carolina consistently has some of the lowest motor fuel costs in the country, both for gasoline and diesel fuel. In September 2015, AAA reported South Carolina's average retail price for gasoline was the lowest in the country, 38 cents below national average, and average diesel price was the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest in the nation, 21 cents below the national average. *Source: AAA Fuel Gauge Report, as of September 14, 2015*

Retail Fuel Prices, September 2015

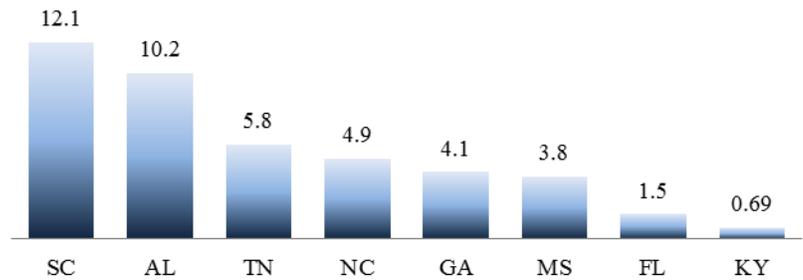




## Carbon Neutral Generation: Dedicated to Clean Energy

In 2010, total 56.2 gigawatthours of electricity is generated from renewable and nuclear sources in South Carolina, making the state the 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the total generation of clean electricity. The per capita clean electricity generation is 12.1 kilowatthours, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation. *Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration*

**Per Capita Clean Electricity Generation (KWH) in Southeast States,**

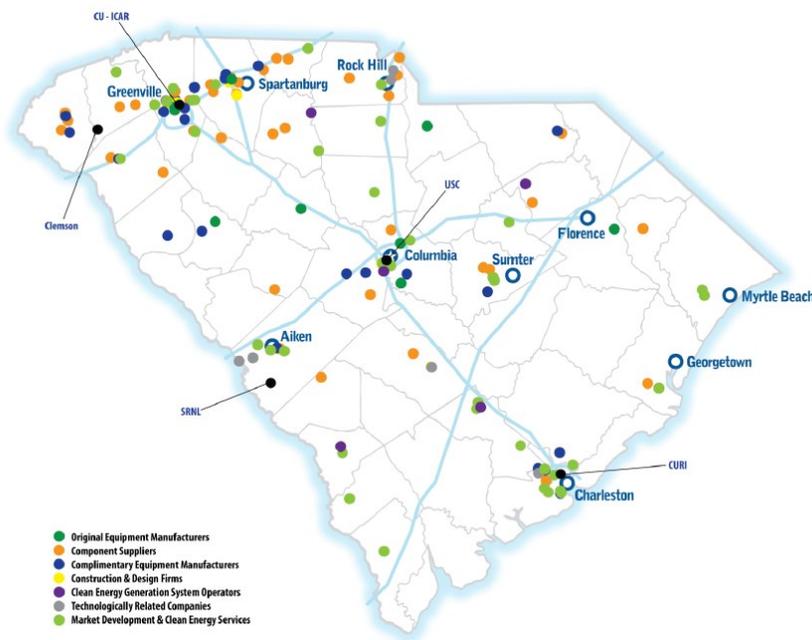


## Recent Rankings: South Carolina is Recognized Nationally

South Carolina has been recognized as the only state with uniform statewide permitting of hydrogen and fuel cell facilities. The state’s R&D activities at the University of South Carolina, Clemson University and the Savannah River National Laboratory were also noted. *Source: State of the States: Fuel Cells in America 2013, Fuel Cells 2000, September 2013.*

2014 State New Economy Index ranks South Carolina 6th on its movement toward a clean energy economy indicator based on a weighted measure of the change in energy consumption per capita and the clean energy share of total energy consumption. *Source: The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, July 2014.*

## South Carolina’s Clean Energy Cluster



In its preliminary report, the South Carolina Clean Energy Industry Manufacturing Market Development Advisory Commission identified firms and establishments involved in clean energy manufacturing. These firms range from Original Equipment Manufacturers to utility companies providing clean energy in the State.

For more information regarding Clean Energy in South Carolina, please consult the 2014 “Preliminary Report on the South Carolina Clean Energy Manufacturing Economy,” available on the South Carolina Department of Commerce’s website under publications.

